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A COMMUNICATION

BY MAYOR BILL CAMPBELL

A COMMUNICATION TO APPOINT DR. DELORES E. CROSS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ATLANTA COMMISSION ON WOMEN FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS.

Confirmed w/o Objection

CONFIRMED BY

OCT 16 2000

COUNCIL By Voice Vote

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
- ☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- ☐ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 9/18/00

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐2nd ☐1st & 2nd Readings ☐3rd

☐Consent ☑V Vote ☐RC Vote

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CERTIFIED OCT 16 2000 ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Robert J Pitts

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MAYOR'S ACTION

CITY OF ATLANTA

BILL CAMPBELL
MAYOR

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September 18, 2000

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President Robert Pitts &
Members of Atlanta City Council
55 Trinity Ave., SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

Re: Appointment to the Atlanta Commission on Women

Dear President Pitts and Members of Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint **Dr. Delores E. Cross** to serve as a member of the **Atlanta Commission on Women**. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

I am certain that Dr. Cross will serve the City of Atlanta with distinction.

I respectfully urge confirmation of the appointment.

Sincerely,

Bill Campbell

DOLORES E. CROSS, Ph.D.

President
Morris Brown College

Dolores E. Cross, nationally acclaimed educator, became the first female president of Morris Brown College in 1999. She has amassed the expertise and experience needed to lead this historic institution into the 21st century. Established in the late 1800s, Morris Brown College was founded under the sponsorship of the African Methodist Episcopal church and has steadfastly promoted educational and service opportunities for its students in Atlanta and the broader community.

Under her leadership, the College has experienced the highest enrollment in its history. Dr. Cross has instated the "Learning Tree" Vision, an initiative that provides support to students before, during and after their Morris Brown College experience. In the first summer of her administration, Dr. Cross successfully launched the SALT program, which continues to provide more than 60 middle and high school students the pre-college experience. Upon testing before and after the program, the math skills of those students increased by 7 percent. These students are among more than 1,000 participating in 11 pre-college programs. Also under Dr. Cross' leadership, the College has experienced a 77 percent retention rate of freshmen returning for the sophomore year.

During her seven-year (1990-1997) tenure as president of Chicago State University, the institution became the fastest growing as well as the most cost-effective university in the State of Illinois. Additionally, the number of degrees the institution granted increased by 30 percent, and the university completed more than $33 million in new construction. By 1997, there were over 90 pre-college initiatives, the first-year retention was 69 percent, the internship program was greatly expanded, and a pipeline program for doctoral study was established with the University of Minnesota.

As a married undergraduate urban student in the early 1960s, Dolores Cross experienced the complexities of parenting two children while working and going to school a mixture of full- and part-time. She had the good fortune to experience constructive academic intervention, committed leadership and a supportive environment. In turn, she has established a successful track record in promoting access, fairness and excellence for all eligible students.

In late 1997, she served as president of the GE Fund, in Fairfield, Connecticut, and later as the GE Fund Distinguished Professor in Leadership and Diversity at the City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate School and University Center. There she hosted seminars in the area of diversity in higher education and the corporate sector and completed an autobiographic manuscript, which recently was published by Third World Press, entitled *Breaking Through The Wall: A Marathoner's Story.*

Dr. Cross has garnered an enviable list of accomplishments. From the mid-1970s to 1990, she provided guidance as a senior-level academic and administrative leader in positions at Northwestern University, Claremont Graduate School, CUNY as vice chancellor and president of the New York Higher Education State Services Corporation (a state cabinet position), as well as associate provost and associate vice president of Academic Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

Cross, who earned her B.S. in elementary education at Seton Hall University (New Jersey), M.S. from Hofstra University, and Ph.D. in education from the University of Michigan, is the recipient of eight honorary degrees and of the Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award of the Women Executives in State Government. She has served on the board of directors of the American Council on Education, Campus Compact and currently is chair of the American Association of Higher Education.

Dr. Cross has been a mentor to young people throughout her career and is an avid marathoner. She is the proud mother of two children, Jane and Thomas, and the grandmother of one, Jackson.

Dr. Cross' motto: Going the Distance in Higher Education to Help Students Achieve All They Are Capable of Achieving